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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated November 10, 2005, the Examiner requires Applicants to elect for further prosecution one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to an etching apparatus, classified in class 156, subclass 345.

Group II: Claims 14-28, drawn to an etching process, classified in class 438, subclass 706.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-13 for further prosecution. This election is made with traverse. Applicants submit that the searching of claims 1-28 would not present an undue burden on the Examiner.

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